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EASLEY APPOINTS ONE AND REAPPOINTS FOUR TO HISTORIC BATH COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley appointed **Blanche Monroe** of Bath, and reappointed **Betsey Lee Hodges** of Washington, **Josephine Hookway** of Bath, **Dr. David C. Dennard** of Greenville and **Milo Gibbs Jr.** of Wilson to the Historic Bath Commission.

Monroe retired from her fabric and paper design business, Marbleous, in 1988. Monroe has served on several boards, including the Greenville Museum of Art and the Pitt-Greenville Arts Council. She has lead fundraising efforts for the Bath Town Council for beautification projects in preparation for Bath's 300th anniversary. Monroe received a bachelor's degree in primary education and bachelor's degree and master's degree in painting from East Carolina University.

Hodges is the director of Occupational Extension/ HRD programs at Beaufort County Community College. She has served on the Historic Bath Commission since 1998. Hodges received her bachelor's degree in health and physical education and her master's in secondary health and physical education at East Carolina University.

Hookway is a retired nurse practitioner. She has served on the commission since 1998. Hookway serves on the steering committee, Bath tri-centennial committee and executive council. She has also volunteered in Palestine and Romania.

Dennard is an associate professor in the department of history at East Carolina University. He has written several articles on African-American history and is the director of the Institute for Historical and Cultural research of the College of Arts and Sciences at East Carolina University. Dennard has served on the commission since 2001. He received his doctorate from Northwestern University in 1983.

Gibbs is the senior vice president of Heritage Bank in Wilson. He has served on the Historic Bath Commission since 1999. His father, Milo Gibbs, was the treasurer of the Historic Bath Commission for twenty years.

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